

CITY OF GAHANNA
LANDSCAPE BOARD
MINUTES – April 4, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Melissa Hyde called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 6 p.m. in the City of Gahanna Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:

<u>Present:</u>	Jane Allinder (Late)
	Mark DiGiando
	Teresa Woolley
	Melissa Hyde
	Joseph Keehner

In attendance from the City Administration was: Tony Collins, Director of Parks & Recreation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Woolley made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2007 meetings, seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote:** Woolley, Yes, Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, DiGiando, Yes. **The motion carried 4-0 and was approved.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS AMENDED:

Woolley made a **MOTION** to approve the April 4, 2007 agenda; seconded by Keehner. **On roll call vote:** Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, DiGiando, Yes, and Woolley, Yes. **The motion carried 4-0 and was approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Landscape Plan

Hyde discussed attending the Planning Commission meeting on March 14, 2007. The Comprehensive Landscape Plan was distributed to the Commission. The Comprehensive Landscape Plan is a guideline for residents and developers regarding landscaping. The Planning Commission is making a recommendation to City Council.

Collins explained the Comprehensive Landscape Plan will be sent to Council for approval. Council has to approve the comprehensive landscape plan every year.

Arbor Day

Hyde explained the event will take place on April 27, 2007. The Board has \$100 for the event. Hyde distributed tree pamphlets to the Board. She would like to see the money spent on purchasing and distributing them at the event. Hyde would like to see a kid friendly flyer distributed at the event.

Collins stated that a Parks staff member would create a kid friendly flyer for the event. Hyde would like to see some information regarding all the benefits that trees give us; air we breathe, cotton in our clothing, wood for our houses, etc. Woolley would like to see information on both the benefits of trees and also how trees are harmed. Collins stated the flyer will be e-mailed to the Board for comments.

Collins explained that the Departments Public Information Officer distributed information to the media regarding the benefits of trees. It looks as though at least one of the medial outlets will print an article.

NEW BUSINESS:

Collins invited the Landscape Board to attend the Tree City USA Award event at the Columbus Zoo on April 19, 2007. Information was e-mailed to the Board on March 26th. Call the Department if you would like to attend.

POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:

Keehner distributed information he received regarding the legal standing of trees.

DiGiando requested an update on the street tree plans for Mill Street. Collins stated the street tree plans are still in progress and all the landscape plans have to be approved by the Landscape Board.

Collins shared rendition photos of the proposed park at Creekside and discussed the water wall, water feature and limestone boulders.

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time Woolley made a MOTION to adjourn; seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote:** Allinder, Yes, DiGiando, Yes, Woolley, Yes, Hyde, Yes and Keehner, Yes. **The motion carried 5-0 meeting adjourned.**

The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2007

Melissa Hyde, Chair